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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
White, et al.

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For: Method and Apparatus for  
Substrate Processing

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 17, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/6148/AOP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

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